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STEM CELLS

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the June 29, 1993 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicant has petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for response by three months up to and including December 29, 1993 and has paid the required fee [37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a), 1.17(c)].

Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel, without prejudice, claims 3, 6, 9, and 12.

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of peripheralizing CD34⁺ cells comprising the steps of blocking very late antigen-4 (VLA-4) [antigen] on the surface of the CD34⁺ cells.

2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the blocking is mediated by a blocking agent selected from the group consisting of:

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